

Huron-Manistee National Forests
05 K&M Commercial Haul Road Use and Maintenance Authorization
Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan
April, 2011

The Huron-Manistee National Forests received an application from K&M Forest Products for temporary year-round use and maintenance of existing Forest Service Roads (FSR) 3103, a portion of FSR 1001, and an undesignated road, which is also part of the Shore-to-Shore Horseback and Hiking Trail for a distance, as a commercial haul route to a private timber sale. The private timber sale is located on Forest Dunes, a golf course/subdivision located in Section 3, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. The following is a description of the requested haul route.

Commercial use, maintenance and minor improvement of FSR's 3103, 1001, and an unclassified road to a private timber sale. FSR 1001 is located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 27; the undesignated road is located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 34, and FSR 3103 is located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 33, T26N, R2W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

No new road construction or disturbance outside the existing road bed would be allowed. FSR 3101 would be used from August 16 through April 30. FSR 3103 is closed to commercial use from May 1st –August 15th because it passes through occupied Kirtland's warbler habitat. From May 1st through August 15th, FSR 1001 and the undesignated road would be used and closed after August 15th.

The roads requested are from Chase Bridge Road, a year-round maintained and paved county road, to private land approximately 1,470 feet x 10 feet wide or 0.34 acre to private land using FSR 3103 and the other route using FSR1001 is approximately 7,860 feet x 10 feet wide or 1.81 acres for a total of 2.14 acres.

The roads would be maintained at level 2, encouraging high-clearance vehicles. Maintenance would include grading, spot graveling, removing limbs and a few small trees hitting the trucks, and snow plowing as needed. Signs at the intersection of Chase Bridge Road and FSR 3103 would be required to identify the route as commercial use.

If allowed, a temporary forest road special use permit would be issued for a year. A special-use fee would be charged for this authorization because the K & M Forest Products does not qualify for a fee waiver in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 part 251, section 57.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this road please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.